

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A system for managing licensing information, comprising:

a source of licensing requirements information, said licensing requirements information including at least information related to obtaining and maintaining ~~a license~~ respective licenses with a plurality of licensing authorities;

a licensee database containing licensee information, said licensee information including information related to at least one licensee capable of holding the ~~license~~ licenses; and

a processor coupled to said licensee database, said processor operable to input information into said licensee database, operable to modify information in said licensee database and operable to retrieve information from said licensee database, according to criteria in said licensing requirements information.

2. (Currently amended) A The licensing information system according to claim 1, wherein said licensing requirements information further comprises examinations for obtaining said license.

3. (Currently amended) A The licensing information system according to claim 1, wherein said licensing requirements information further comprises continuing education for maintaining said license

4. (Currently amended) A The licensing information system according to claim 1, wherein said licensing requirements information is further comprised of information from at least one state entity responsible for administering licensing requirements.

5. (Currently amended) A licensing information system according to claim 1, wherein said licensee information further includes information related to licensee

appointments by a ~~product~~ supplier of a product that may be sold by said at least one licensee.

6. (Currently amended) A The licensing information system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one licensee further comprises an insurance agent.

7. (Currently amended) A The licensing information system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one licensee further comprises an insurance agency.

8. (Currently amended) A The licensing information system according to claim 1, further comprising said processor operable to locate portions of said licensee information matching a criteria.

9. (Currently amended) A The licensing information system according to claim 1, further comprising: said processor operable to compare said licensee information with said licensing requirements information; and a comparison result indicates differences between said licensee information and said licensing requirements information.

10. (Currently amended) A The licensing information system according to claim 9, further comprising an automatic notification to said at least one licensee related to at least one difference between said licensee information and said licensing requirements information indicated by said comparison result.

11. (Currently amended) A The licensing information system according to claim 1, further comprising a licensee agency database, said licensee agency database containing licensee agency information, said licensee agency information including information related to at least one licensee agency.

12. (Currently amended) A The licensing information system according to claim 1, further comprising a report database containing report information, the report information including information related to at least one of reports and responsive forms.

13. (Currently amended) A The licensing information system according to claim 1, further comprising:

said processor connectable to a worldwide network of interconnected computers; a set of permissions capable of providing access authorization to users of said worldwide network; and

said processor permits access to said licensee database based on said set of permissions.

14. (Currently amended) A The licensing information system according to claim 1, further comprising:

said processor connectable to an enterprise network of interconnected computers;

a set of permissions capable of providing access authorization to users of said enterprise network; and

said processor permits access to said licensee database based on said set of permissions.

15. (Currently amended) A The licensing information system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a communication interface capable of accessing at least one of said licensing authorities, said at least one licensing authority being a state entity responsible for administering licensing information; and said processor is connectable to said interface thereby permitting information to be exchanged between said licensing information system and said at least one state entity.

16. (Currently amended) A The licensing information system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a certified continuing education provider database containing education provider information, said education provider information including at least information related to continuing education courses and continuing education requirements satisfied by the continuing education courses;

and said certified continuing education provider database is coupled to said at least one processor.

17. (Currently amended) A The licensing information system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a computer display operable to display said licensee information under control of said processor ~~according to claim 1.~~

18. (Currently amended) A method of managing licensing information, comprising:

obtaining licensing requirements information from a plurality of licensing ~~authority~~ authorities, the licensing requirements information being related to licensing requirements for at least one of obtaining and maintaining a license;

accessing a database, the database coupled to at least one processor and comprising entity information related to whether at least one entity fulfills said licensing requirements;

comparing said licensing requirements to said entity information by said at least one processor to produce a comparison result; and

determining an extent to which said comparison result indicates ~~satisfaction of~~ compliance with said licensing requirements by said at least one entity.

19. (Currently amended) A The method of managing licensing information according to claim 18, further comprising:

identifying actions required by said at least one entity to at least one of obtain and maintain a license; prompting said at least one entity to take said required action.

20. (Currently amended) A The method of managing licensing information according to claim 18, further comprising:

providing required forms to said at least one entity;

submitting to ~~said~~ at least one licensing authority said required forms made out by said at least one entity;

and updating ~~said~~ a compliance status based on said submission to said licensing authority.

21. (Currently amended) A The method of managing licensing information according to claim 18, wherein said prompting is accomplished automatically based on a change in said status.

22. (Currently amended) A The method of managing licensing information according to claim 18, wherein said licensing requirements information further comprises license examination information.

23. (Currently amended) A The method of managing licensing information according to claim 18, wherein said licensing requirements information further comprises continuing education requirements for maintaining a license.

24. (Currently amended) A The method of managing licensing information according to claim 18, wherein said at least one entity is an insurance agent.

25. (Currently amended) A The method of managing licensing information according to claim 18, wherein said at least one entity is an insurance agency.

26. (Currently amended) A The method of managing licensing information according to claim 18, further comprising:

inputting said entity information into said entity information database;
modifying said entity information in said entity information database;
retrieving said entity information from said entity information database; and
viewing said entity information in said entity information database.

27. (Currently amended) A The method of managing licensing information according to claim 18, wherein said obtaining licensing requirements further comprises obtaining continuing education provider information, the continuing education provider information including continuing education curriculum information.

28. (Currently amended) A The method of managing licensing information according to claim 18, further comprising searching said entity information database to retrieve entity information related to at least one of a specified status and a specified entity information.

29. (Currently amended) A The method of managing licensing information according to claim 18, further comprising a status of said at least one entity, said status being representative of whether said at least one entity satisfies said licensing requirements.

30. (Currently amended) A The method of managing licensing information according to claim 29, further comprising notifying said at least one entity of at least one of said status, a change in said status and upcoming requirements for obtaining or maintaining said license.

31. (Currently amended) A The method of managing licensing information according to claim 18, further comprising providing materials usable by said at least one entity to satisfy said licensing requirements.

32. (Currently amended) A The computer readable media containing a computer executable program code, wherein execution of said program code realizes said method according to claim 18.

33. (Currently amended) A The processor operable to execute a program code, wherein execution of said program code on said processor realizes said method according to claim 18.

34. (Currently amended) A method for determining compliance with license requirements, comprising:

obtaining licensing requirements information from a plurality of licensing authority authorities, said licensing requirements information being related to licensing requirements for at least one of obtaining and maintaining a license, said licensing requirements information being stored in a database coupled to at least one processor;

organizing licensee information related to at least one licensee by said at least one processor, the at least one licensee capable of holding a license from some of said a plurality of license authorities;

organizing status information related to a status of at least one licensee license by said at least one processor; and

determining from a comparison between said status information and said licensing requirements information by said at least one processor whether said at least one licensee is in compliance with said licensing requirements.

35. (Currently amended) A The method for determining compliance with license requirements according to claim 34, further comprising searching for licensees in compliance with said licensing requirements based on said determination.

36. (Currently amended) A The method for determining compliance with license requirements according to claim 34, further comprising notifying said at least one licensee of at least one of said status, a change in said status and upcoming licensing requirements.

37. (New) A system for managing licensing information, comprising:
a source of licensing requirements information, said licensing requirements information including at least information related to obtaining and maintaining a license;
a licensee database containing licensee information, said licensee information including information related to at least one licensee capable of holding the license; and
at least one processor coupled to said licensee database, said at least one processor operable to input information into said licensee database, operable to modify information in said licensee database and operable to retrieve information from said licensee database, according to criteria in said licensing requirements information,
wherein said licensee information further includes information related to licensee appointments by a supplier of a product that may be sold by said at least one licensee.

38. (New) A system for managing licensing information, comprising:
a source of licensing requirements information, said licensing requirements information including at least information related to obtaining and maintaining a license;
a licensee database containing licensee information, said licensee information including information related to at least one licensee capable of holding the license;
at least one processor coupled to said licensee database, said at least one processor operable to input information into said licensee database, operable to modify information in said licensee database and operable to retrieve information from said licensee database, according to criteria in said licensing requirements information; and
a licensee agency database, said licensee agency database containing licensee agency information, said licensee agency information including information related to at least one licensee agency.

39. (New) A system for managing licensing information, comprising:

a source of licensing requirements information, said licensing requirements information including at least information related to obtaining and maintaining a license;

a licensee database containing licensee information, said licensee information including information related to at least one licensee capable of holding the license;

at least one processor coupled to said licensee database, said at least one processor operable to input information into said licensee database, operable to modify information in said licensee database and operable to retrieve information from said licensee database, according to criteria in said licensing requirements information; and

a communication interface capable of accessing at least one state entity responsible for administering licensing information, wherein said at least one processor is connectable to said interface thereby permitting information to be exchanged between said licensing information system and said at least one state entity.

40. (New) A system for managing licensing information, comprising:

a source of licensing requirements information, said licensing requirements information including at least information related to obtaining and maintaining a license;

a licensee database containing licensee information, said licensee information including information related to at least one licensee capable of holding the license;

at least one processor coupled to said licensee database, said at least one processor operable to input information into said licensee database, operable to modify information in said licensee database and operable to retrieve information from said licensee database, according to criteria in said licensing requirements information; and

a certified continuing education provider database containing external education provider information, said external education provider information including at least information related to continuing education courses and continuing education requirements satisfied by the continuing education courses, wherein said certified continuing education provider database is coupled to said at least one processor.

41. (New) A method of managing licensing information, comprising:

- obtaining licensing requirements information from a licensing authority, the licensing requirements information being related to licensing requirements for at least one of obtaining and maintaining a license;
- accessing a database comprising entity information related to whether at least one entity fulfills said licensing requirements, the database coupled to at least one processor;
- comparing said licensing requirements to said entity information by said at least one processor to produce a comparison result;
- determining an extent to which said comparison result indicates compliance with said licensing requirements by said at least one entity;
- providing required forms to said at least one entity;
- submitting to said licensing authority said required forms made out by said at least one entity; and
- updating a compliance status based on said submission to said licensing authority.